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SUBJECT: 1975-1979 NATO INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM

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SUMMARY: PROPOSAL REFERRED TO IN MOD MASON LETTER TO SECDEF WAS MADE BY CHAIRMAN OF INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE AT MEETING OF 17 SEP 74. DETAILS FOLLOW. ACTION REQUESTED: WASHINGTON VIEWS ON ACCEPTABILITY OF PROPOSAL IF OTHER ALLIES CAN AGREE TO IT. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING ON 17 SEPT, NETHERLANDS REP REPORTED THAT EFFORTS OF DTUCH DCM BUWALDA'S WORKING GROUP HAD NOT SUCCEEDED IN MOVING UK BEYOND ITS STATED POSITION LIMITING UK CONTRIBUTION TO 12 PCT OF IAU 400 MILLION. AS REPORTED IN AC/4-DS/948, CHAIRMAN OF THE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE (ELDON SMITH,NIS,US) SUGGESTED THAT ALL OTHER ALLIES MIGHT WISH TO CONTRIBUTE THEIR FULL SHARE TO A THEORETICAL IAU 450 MILLION PROGRAM AND FOREGO THE ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTION NORMALLY DUE FROM THE UK. US REP, IN VIEW OF SECDEF LETTER TO MASON, SUGGESTED THAT THIS MATTER WAS BEING HANDLED AT HIGHER LEVELS AND THEREFORE INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE SHOULD SIMPLY NOTE DUTCH STATEMENT. SEVERAL ALLIED REPS LED BY THE FRG

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INDICATED THAT THEY COULD NOT AGREE TO ANY PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD CHANGE THE RELATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF NATIONS OTHER THAN THE US.

2. DURING INFRASTRUCTURE COMMITTEE MEETING 22 OCTOBER, SMITH,

HAVING HEARD FROM UK REP THAT MASON'S REPLY TO SEC SCHLESSNGER WOULD BE NEGATIVE, FLOATED PROPOSAL AGAIN, SHOWING THE FOLLOWING TABLE TO INDICATE THE REQUIRED NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS. TABLE, EVALUATES ALL NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS, EXCEPT THOSE OF THE UK, AT THE AMOUNT WHICH WOULD BE REQUIRED UNDER THE PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED COST SHARING FORMULA (REPORTED USNATO 2973, 29 MAY 74). AT THE IAU 450 MILLION LEVEL. UK CONTRIBUTIONS ARE LIMITED TO IAU 48 MILLION. SPECIAL PROGRAM IS PROPERLY CALCULATED SO THAT RESULTING US NET SHARE IS 20 PCT OF REDUCED PROGRAM.

441.480 MILLION PROGRAM

COUNTRY	NORMAL PROGRAM	SPECIAL PROGRAM	TOTAL	PERCENTAGE
BELGIUM	22,520	2,464	24,984	5.66
CANADA	25,609	2,801	28,410	6.44
DENMARK	15,012	1,642	16,656	3.77
GERMANY	106,917	11,696	118,613	26.87
GREECE	3,218	352	3,570	0.81
ITALY	32,172	3,519	35,691	8.08
LUXEMBOURG	858	94	952	0.22
NETHERLANDS	20,697	2,264	22,961	5.20
NORWAY	12,654	1,384	14,038	3.18
PORTUGAL	1,501	164	1,665	0.38
TURKEY	5,362	587	5,949	1.35

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UK	43,267	4,733	48,000	10.87
TOTAL	289,787	31,702	321,489	
US	108,167	11,833	120,000	27.18
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	88,298	20.00		
TOTAL	397,954	43,535	441,489	

3. MISSION SEES NO US OBJECTION TO THE PROGRAM AS PROPOSED WHICH FULFILLS THE US REQUIREMENT FOR AN EFFECTIVE 20 PCT SHARE,

AND INCREASES BY 10 PCT THE 1975-1979 INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM WHICH
WOULD OTHERWISE BE LIMITED TO IAU 400 MILLION BY THE UK POSITION.
WE BELIEVE, HOWEVER, THAT ACCEPACNCE OF THE PROPOSAL WILL PRESENT
MAJOR DIFFICULTIES FOR CERTAIN OF OUR EUROPEAN ALLIES, NONE OF WHOM
WAS PREPARED TO ADDRESS THE PROPOSAL AT THE MEETING ON 22 OCT.
COMMITTEE WILL AGAIN ADDRESS PROBLEM 29 OCT. REQUEST WASHINGTT

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